



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 611**

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**Chairperson:** Patrick J. Bourne  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 9, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 611 changes current provisions relating to appearance bonds. LB 611 gives the court the discretion to retain ninety percent of the appearance bond deposit for the purposes of:

- 1) Restitution, if there is a victim in the case and the possibility of restitution;
- 2) Court costs; or
- 3) Any costs associated with probation administration or supervision.

Under LB 611, ninety percent of the deposit shall be returned to the defendant upon the performance of the court appearance, if the court chooses not to retain a portion of the deposit or if the defendant can provide sufficient evidence that he or she did not use his or her own money to satisfy the appearance bond deposit.

As in current statute, if an appearance bond is required, the clerk shall retain ten percent of the deposit for appearance bond costs and the entire deposit shall be returned to the defendant in the event that no charges are filed or the charges are dropped prior to the court appearance.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator John Synowiecki**